

The Chess Stress Test for Discrete Choice Modeling

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\log(1/p_j)}{\log(1/p_1)} &= \exp(\beta U_j) =_{\text{def}} L_j \\ \log(1/p_j) &= \log(1/p_1)L_j \\ \log(p_j) &= \log(p_1)L_j \\ p_j &= p_1^{L_j}. \end{aligned}$$

Analogy to power decay, Zipf's Law... *Proceed to demo.*